



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For: DRILL HEAD FOR USE IN PLACING A VERTEBRAL BODY DISC DEVICE

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection of Claims 1-3, 5-7, 13-50, and 52-125 in the Office Action dated February 11, 2003.

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